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Interview Summary

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Date of Interview: 18 February 2009.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal (copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative)

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 36 and 49.

Identification of prior art discussed: Biscup (6,245,108), Boyd et al. (6,468,311).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: It appears that amending the claims to recite the specific configuration of the symmetric vertical grooves at an end of the implant may overcome the outstanding rejection. However, further consideration of the art of record as well as any art discovered in an updated search will be necessary.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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